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Olympia, Washington

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 42,514
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 83.1% white; 1.8% black/African American; 1.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 5.8% Asian; 0.3% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.3% other race; 3.1% two or more races; 4.4% Hispanic/Latino (any race)
- Olympia is located in Thurston County.

Politics

- Mayor: Stan Biles²
- City Council (Position): Stan Biles (Mayor – 1); Laura Ware (2); Mark Foutch (3); Curt Pavola (4); Matthew Green (5); Doug Mah (6); Jeanette Hawkins (7)³
- Chief of Police: Gary Michel⁴
- Thurston County Sheriff: Gary Edwards⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁶
Designated in 1997, the Northwest HIDTA is responsible for 14 counties in Washington, including Thurston.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
Since FY 1998 when funding was first made available through Drug-Free Communities, no coalitions in Olympia have ever received funding.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁸
There are no Weed and Seed sites in Olympia.
- Olympia did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.⁹
- Olympia did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.¹⁰
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2002 Discretionary Funds received in Olympia:¹¹
 - Center for Mental Health Services:
 - \$100,000 to the Washington Department of Social and Health Services; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:
 - No Olympia grantees
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment:
 - \$86,000 to the Washington Department of Social and Health Services; project period: 4/15/02-4/14/05
 - \$299,450 to the Washington Department of Social and Health Services; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04

- \$100,000 to the Washington Department of Social and Health Services; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/05
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts for Olympia.¹²
 - \$5,915,766 in discretionary funds
 - \$36,191,145 in formula funds
- There were no recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant in Olympia.¹³

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- In April 2001, Olympia law enforcement authorities arrested a hospital administrator who forged more than 80 prescriptions for OxyContin from 1998 through March 2001 for his own use.¹⁴
- During 2000, there were 3 homicides known to police in Olympia.¹⁵

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Olympia, 1999-2000

Offense	Number of Offenses		Offenses Cleared by Arrest	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
Criminal homicide	0	3	0	3
Forcible rape	48	47	23	26
Robbery	38	51	17	15
Assault	427	573	349	443
Burglary	341	442	25	28
Larceny	1992	2084	547	479
Motor vehicle theft	122	209	11	13

- The Olympia Police Department reported 212 driving under the influence offenses in 2000. During 1999, there were 269 such offenses.¹⁶
- There were 643 adult drug arrests in Thurston County during 2001.¹⁷

Number of Adult Drug Arrests, Thurston County, 1990-2001

Year	# of Adult Drug Arrests
1990	350
1991	306
1992	324
1993	456
1994	644
1995	258
1996	795
1997	1,114
1998	954
1999	784
2000	642
2001	643

Drugs

➤ Club Drugs

Olympia is one of the main Washington cities in which MDMA is readily available and abused by teens and young adults.¹⁸

Juveniles

➤ During 2001, there were 146 drug arrests in Thurston County involving individuals ages 10-17.¹⁹

Number of Juvenile (Age 10-17) Drug Arrests, Thurston County, 1990-2001

Year	# of Juvenile Drug Arrests
1990	33
1991	21
1992	43
1993	48
1994	99
1995	22
1996	178
1997	166
1998	157
1999	154
2000	197
2001	146

Enforcement

➤ As of October 31, 2001, there were 96 full-time law enforcement employees in Olympia (70 officers and 26 civilians).²⁰

Trafficking and Seizures

➤ During 2001, approximately 151 methamphetamine labs and dumpsites were reported in Thurston County.²¹

Number of Meth Labs and Dump Sites Reported, Thurston County, 1992-2001

Year	# of Labs and Sites
1992	5
1993	4
1994	2
1995	6
1996	25
1997	63
1998	58
1999	86
2000	139
2001	151

Courts

➤ Drug Courts²²

As of May 2003, there was one drug court in Olympia that had been operating for more than two years and one drug court that was being planned.

Corrections

➤ In 2001, the average daily population at the Thurston County Correctional Facility was 462.²³

➤ Substance abuse programs available at the Thurston County Correctional Facility include:²⁴

- Alcohol Anonymous (AA)/Narcotics Anonymous (NA): The AA/NA group meets for one hour each week and is available to inmates who request participation in a 12-step support group.
- Chemical Dependency Program: This program provides a structured, monitored and supportive therapeutic environment using Moral Recognition Therapy as the primary treatment modality.

Consequences of Use

➤ During 2001, there were 3 methamphetamine-related events in Thurston County that were collected in the Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance database. There was 1 injury associated with the methamphetamine-related events.²⁵

➤ During 2001, there were 84 alcohol- or drug-related deaths in Thurston County.²⁶

Number of Alcohol- or Drug-Related Deaths, Thurston County, 1990-2001

Year	# of Alcohol-/Drug-Related Deaths	# of Total Deaths
1990	68	1,119
1991	64	1,162
1992	69	1,210
1993	61	1,278
1994	65	1,331
1995	77	1,369
1996	78	1,419
1997	81	1,412
1998	97	1,557
1999	86	1,535
2000	74	1,549
2001	84	1,643

Treatment

➤ In the fall of 2002, a private, non-profit clinic opened in Thurston County offering methadone maintenance.²⁷

➤ During FY 2001, there were 265 adult admissions to treatment in Thurston County with methamphetamine as the primary drug of abuse.²⁸

Number of Adult Admissions to Treatment, Thurston County, FY 1996-2001

Primary Drug	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Alcohol	443	439	384	353	410	392
Marijuana	96	121	75	92	135	138
Methamphetamine	80	110	245	209	222	265
Cocaine	70	54	33	53	56	45
Heroin	60	76	76	108	71	78

- During FY 2001, there were 36 juvenile admissions to treatment in Thurston County with methamphetamine as the primary drug of abuse.²⁹

Number of Juvenile Admissions to Treatment, Thurston County, FY 1996-2001

Primary Drug	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Alcohol	94	71	83	51	52	81
Marijuana	125	136	181	181	161	195
Methamphetamine	11	13	28	15	10	36
Cocaine	3	2	5	3	6	1
Heroin	6	3	7	7	6	2

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